

Application No. 10/026,964

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendment and the grounds provided in the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) for Withdrawal from Issue (Issue Fee Paid).

The amendment is made to the written description to conform the text of the present Application to the priority claim made at the time of filing of the present Application, as acknowledged by the PTO in the Filing Receipt (mailed on January 29, 2002), the Updated Filing Receipt (mailed on March 21, 2002), in subsequent Office Actions (mailed on December 5, 2002, and June 3, 2003).

The amendment also reflects the subsequent issuance of patents (U.S. Patent No. 6,374,547 and U.S. Patent No. 6,892,650) from the two originally co-pending applications to which the priority claim was made at the time of filing of the present Application.

The Issue Fee in the present Application was paid on December 29, 2004.

The Applicants have by the present RCE/Amendment and Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) followed the instructions of the Office of Petitions regarding acceptance of the priority claim.

The Applicants believe that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Expedited and favorable reconsideration of the Application and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding the present Application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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